

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 13, 2004

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman James Dwyer, County Board Supervisors Patricia Haukohl, Walter Kolb, Richard Manke, William Mitchell, Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta.

Staff Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

Also Present: Information Systems Manager Mike Biagioli, Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Airport Manager Keith Markano, Director of Administration Norm Cummings, Radio Services Manager Chris Pederson, Collections and Business Manager Sean Sander, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Parks Systems Manager Jim Kavameier, Supervisor Kathleen Cummings, Supervisor Andy Kallin, Supervisor Rodell Singert, Thomas Schober, Enterprise Operations Manager Paul Pulos, Budget Manager Peter Mudich, Airport Operations Assistant Mike Neau.

Public Comment

Schober spoke in regards to Ordinances 159-O-049 and 159-O-050. He has concerns about the makeup of the members of the airport commission as designated by these ordinances.

Review, Discuss and Consider 2005 – 2009 Capital Projects Plan Relative to Information Systems and County-wide Technology Projects (Items 39, 41-48)

Cummings, Biagioli and Pederson were present to discuss this project.

Item 41 – Mobile Data Infrastructure Upgrade – This capital project cost (\$695K) will be funded with Homeland Security grant (USAI) program funds and \$45,000 of Radio Services fund balance appropriated for consultant services. System operating maintenance costs, infrastructure and equipment replacement costs are estimated at approximately \$85K-\$90K or \$33 to \$35 per month per unit based on an estimated 215 Sheriff's Department units. These costs will be recouped annually over a seven to ten year useful life span through charges back to county agencies and other municipal customers. Municipal customers will be responsible to plan for replacement of their mobile data equipment at their expense but the county is willing to help them pursue grant funding for this equipment. The current estimate of these costs per unit plus all planned software features is \$9,300. End use software maintenance and license upgrades will be at the expense of the end user departments. Director Cummings said the OJA took over the Homeland Security grant allocations from Milwaukee County. They are not sure if we will be able to secure the above mentioned grant money.

MOTION: Manke moved, Haukohl second, to tentatively approve 2005-2009 capital project item number 41. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Cummings, Biagioli and Sander were present to discuss projects 39 and 48.

Item 39 – Tax Records Replacement – The intent of this capital project is to replace the current custom system with a purchased vendor package that operates on one of the county standard operating environments (UNIX or Windows 2000). This will allow the county to eliminate the only remaining mainframe based system, reducing the county's reliance on third party support of that system. This project also includes hiring a consultant to access and improve workflow processes and assist in the design, customization and implementation of this new system. The ongoing maintenance fees for this package are \$21,424 for 2006 and 2007 annually which will be split evenly between the Treasurers and Register of Deed's budgets. Part of the change of scope for this project includes the redesign of the web pages that

display tax information billing and listings. Extensive changes will be required to have the data warehouse coincide with the go live for tax billing and listings. Supervisor Stamsta requested a scope update to be added to this project's budget action.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Stamsta second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item number 30. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Supervisor Stamsta requested that all changes of scope be indicated in some manner on the project sheets.

Item 48 – County-wide Cashiering – A new county-wide cashiering system with the ability to record documents electronically will address the Register of Deeds strategic plan critical issue and the county's strategic plan to increase the use of technology to improve customer service and efficiency. As the county migrates to web-based interaction with their constituents, the requirement to provide a centralized cashiering function that accommodates e-commerce is more important. Currently there are 11 different county departments with nine separate cashiering systems. Several of these cashiering systems cannot be upgraded because of the aging technology. Centralizing the cashiering function will reduce manual interfaces with the county's business accounting system, standardize the cash handling function and allow for better management of county funds. The ongoing maintenance contract for the chosen solution is expected to be 15% of the purchase price. Other ongoing costs include licensing fees for additional Business Objects users at approximately \$5,000 and maintenance of these licenses for approximately \$750 annually. The RFP will indicate that the vendor is responsible for meeting all HIPAA requirements.

MOTION: Kolb moved, Mitchell second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 48. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Cummings and Biagioli were present to discuss projects 42 - 47.

Item 42 – Internet and Intranet Infrastructure Upgrade – Information Systems has completed almost all objectives defined at the inception of this project. The original objective was to provide the county with a comprehensive computer system environment to evaluate county computerized systems and to migrate them to a web-based environment if possible. Advancements in technology have allowed for an expansion of the objectives and a need for additional funds. The new objectives include the development of an Internet function that allows citizens to pay for multiple county services with one transaction and the selection and implementation of a tool that will allow the county to interact with the State of Wisconsin and municipalities to interact with the county system without major modifications to any system. All ongoing fees associated with this upgrade will become a component of the End User Technology Fund. Biagioli said the need to do this project rankles him because it is similar to an unfunded mandate from the state forcing Waukesha County to change their systems in order to electronically interact with the state.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Stamsta second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 42. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Item 43 – Electronic Document Management System – This project will convert paper documents into electronic images which will provide users with a more time efficient records management tool to store, retrieve, display and disseminate information. During 2005 and 2006, Records Management fund balance will be used to cover the cost of this project. This project will have annual ongoing costs for annual hardware maintenance (\$28,381) and software maintenance (\$38,890). Most of these costs are included in the DOA-Records Management operating budget but the concurrent and site license fees are passed on to the user departments by means of annual interdepartmental charges.

MOTION: Manke moved, Mitchell second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 43.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 44 – Upgrade Office Suite from Windows 2000 – Given the pricing strategy currently presented by Microsoft and the high cost of the Microsoft Enterprise License program, alternative solutions for Waukesha County need to be evaluated and implemented. Because of the current status of alternatives to MS Office, the county has determined a “best of breed” approach that maximizes user capabilities while minimizing the cost of services. There are inherent risks in supporting this dual environment but given the overall cost reductions, it is deemed a worthwhile venture. Ongoing fees for the annual license repurchase of MS office (\$150 per desktop) will be added to the End User Technology Fund. There are no ongoing licensing fees associated with the alternative product, StarOffice. This new product will be deployed at a considerable savings to the End User Technology fund and no maintenance fees will be charged to users. The Sheriff’s Department jail staff will pilot this project. Biagioli believes that 40% of county staff will migrate to this new product.

MOTION: Mitchell moved, Haukohl second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 44.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 47 – HIPAA Security – The HIPAA Act has specific, defined requirements with target dates that require the county to take action. Infrastructure modifications will be kept to a minimum but database analysis and the redeployment of data locations, new server software and data isolation will be required. Health and Human Services has determined that assistance from consulting services will be required to assist the department in the implementation of the HIPAA Act requirements. The ongoing maintenance fees are yet to be determined but should be minimal.

Item 46 – Telecommunications System – This project is going as planned. Biagioli said the decision point is through the RFP project. Cummings said the County Executive doesn’t want us to be wed to changing technologies. We will try to renegotiate our contracts as much as possible. Biagioli said we hired a consultant to help us make this decision. The consultant has not brought forth his findings yet.

Item 45 – Fiber to County Facilities – This project will serve the ever-expanding data storage needs for the county and dispatch services and provide system reliability and recoverability in the likelihood of a terrorist attack or system failure. The ongoing, annual maintenance fees for the project’s fiber are estimated to be \$5,000 while ongoing maintenance for the Secondary Storage Area Network (SAN) environment will cost \$16,000 annually.

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Kolb second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project items 45, 46 and 47. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Review, Discuss and Consider 2005 – 2009 Capital Projects Plan Relative to Parks and Land Use Department Projects (Items 29-38)

Shaver, Mudich, Kavemeier and Pulos were present to discuss these projects.

Item 29 – Moor Downs Golf Course Clubhouse Restoration – The current clubhouse is in a deteriorated condition and has created health and safety concerns which include; mold, exposed wiring, sagging and leaking roof, and decay on the support beams. The clubhouse is not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act, Architectural Guidelines as well as other Wisconsin state building codes. The project would include removing the north portion of the clubhouse and bringing the remaining portion of the code into code compliance. A storage garage would be built north of the clubhouse to replace the storage lost by the removal of the north portion of the building. Operation expenses for this project are anticipated to increase by \$13,000 primarily due to the increase in depreciation expenses. This directly translates into a

\$0.50 increase per player above and beyond the cost to continue operations during the year the asset is realized.

Supervisor Paulson said he could not support this project because he has not seen the documentation and costs for new construction.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Mitchell second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 29.

Motion carried: 6-1 (Paulson voted no).

Item 30 – Expo Center Compliance/Maintenance – This project addresses the Expo Center’s ADA compliance requirements, maintenance needs, energy efficiency recommendations, plumbing code updates, pavement management, safety and risk issues and infrastructure repairs. The projects are segregated into an eleven-year plan by location and project type. The costs, broken down by project type are ADA \$90,000 (toilet renovations, pitch of sidewalks, door openings, etc.) grounds \$20,000, HVAC \$160,000, maintenance \$230,000, road/lots \$60,000, safety \$170,000 (exit lights, fire suppression systems, electrical outlets, etc.) and structural \$21,000. The committee and staff discussed at length future plans and uses for the Center.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Kolb second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 30.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 31 – Pavement Management Plan Implementation – This plan identifies pavement conditions based on the PASER rating system with a 10 rating as “no maintenance required” and a rating of one as “failed.” The facility scheduled for road and parking lot reconstruction in 2004 and 2005 is Mukwonago Park. The pavement conditions are rated as low or poor conditions for most of the roads and parking lots with pavement failure, extensive alligator cracking, patches and rutting, uneven surfaces and severe edge distortion. This project is going as planned.

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Manke second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 31.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 32 – Bikeway Pavement Improvements – These improvements provide asphalt pavement for the Bugline, New Berlin and Lake Country Bikeway/Pedestrian Trails, offers improved surfaces for trail users and allows increased accessibility for wheelchair and stroller users, in-line skaters and year-round availability. The project will offer compliance with AASHTO standards for improved non-motorized, multi-use opportunities. Surface will be compatible with existing and proposed trail connections with local municipalities. These projects are consistent with the Regional Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The change in scope for this project is due to the New Berlin Trail Project receiving a \$500,160 CMAQ grant for construction in 2005. The project will be 80% funded with a 20% county match.

MOTION: Manke moved, Paulson second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 32.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 33 – Lake Country Trail Improvements – Shaver explained where the trail travels. Ongoing costs for this trail include annual operational and maintenance costs which are estimated to be \$1,000 per mile or \$5,000 annually, of trail per year beginning in 2007. This is the last segment of this trail which would link county trail users to the Oconomowoc community trail system. The county trail will not travel through Pabst Farms as had been discussed in 2004. The trail will be located in the electric company right-of-way in that area instead and provide access to the school and YMCA in that area.

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 33.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 34 – Nagawaukee Park Storage/Carpenter – This project replaces an aging 4,800 square foot metal storage building and 1,460 square foot carpenters shop with a 4,960 square foot combination storage building and carpenter shop (3,360 square foot cold storage area and 1,600 square foot heated carpenters shop with restroom). The project includes raising and removing the existing storage buildings, re-grading and surfacing of the service yard and extension of utilities from the existing park headquarters building. The placement of the proposed structure would screen the view of the maintenance area from park users, create a separation of the public user space and the maintenance worker yard and increase safety.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Kolb second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 34.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 35 – Muskego Park Maintenance Building – This project replaces an old metal shed used as the maintenance and park office since the late 1950's. The age of the facility, poor energy efficiencies and functionality are reasons why the building needs to be replaced. The new facility would be approximately 3,200 square feet and will be similar to the size and appearance of the Fox River and Fox Brook Park maintenance buildings. This building would consist of a public park office and support areas, heated shop and storage, cold storage, fuel tanks and service yard.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Kolb second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 35.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 36 – Menomonee Park Maintenance Building – This project replaces an old military building constructed in the early 1950's. The building needs to be replaced due to the age of the facility, poor energy efficiencies and functionality. The current building setup requires visitors to walk through the maintenance garage area to reach the park office. The new facility would be approximately 3,200 square feet and similar to the size and appearance of the Fox River and Fox Brook Park maintenance buildings. This building would consist of a public park office and support areas, heated shop and storage, cold storage, fuel tanks and service yard.

Stamsta said he could not support replacing this building because the present structure is still quite sturdy and does not need to be replaced.

MOTION: Kolb moved, Manke second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 36.
Motion carried: 6-1 (Stamsta voted no).

Item 37 – Restroom Renovation – This project will replace 22 existing open concrete vault toilets with 18 new restrooms at the reserved picnic areas of the following county parks: Muskego, Nashotah, Menomonee, Minooka, Naga-waukee and Mukwonago. The current vault toilets are one of the recurring complaints of the parks. Staff hopes that change will retain the number of park reservations. The unpleasant odor of the vault restrooms is not an agreeable experience even with increased pumping frequencies and the use of deodorants. Bathrooms will be hooked up to sewer systems where available. In instances where sewers are not available, bathrooms will be hooked up to a private water source and septic systems. The cost of each building includes the structure (\$100,000), soil borings, grading, septic system, wells, demolition, paving and grass seed.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Kolb second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 37.
Motion carried: 7-0.

Item 38 – Orthophotography - This project will upgrade the orthophotography to high resolution color imagery and update the county's digital terrain model (DTM) and topographic maps to reflect changes to the surface due to development and other natural changes that have occurred since the creation of the current set. Without current information that matches the orthophotography images, inaccurate assumptions could be made resulting in costly changes in planned activities. This project would be done in conjunction with the SEWRPC's planned 2004 collection and creation of new orthophotography for their region which includes Waukesha County. It is anticipated that similar projects will be requested for upcoming capital plans on a five-year cycle in conjunction with future SEWRPC projects to insure the information is kept current. The work of this project has taken place every five-years since the 1960s.

Dwyer recommended to Shaver to include this project in the 2010 plan as a place-holder for this ongoing project.

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to tentatively approve 2005 – 2009 capital project item 38.
Motion carried: 7- 0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-049: Amend Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Change the Membership of the Airport Commission

MOTION: Manke moved, Paulson second, to approve 159-O-049: Amend Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Change the Membership of the Airport Commission.

Kallin and Cummings were present to discuss this ordinance. Kallin said Steve Betzler gave a presentation in support of the Airport Commission at the last board meeting. Betzler told the board members to reconsider the makeup of the airport commission's members and suggested adding a citizen who lives in the airport flight path to the commission. In the past, an advisory committee shared information with the commission on the environmental impact of the airport. Kallin presented the committee with a petition of several hundred signatures from people who agree that citizens should have a say in what the commission does.

Paulson said he supports the ordinance because these changes are long over due. People affected by the airport have a right to be heard and to know what's going on at the airport. Everyone should be represented on the commission. The current members have a narrow focus.

Dwyer said the Airport advisory committee that Kallin talked about was actually members of the group "No More Noise" and the group wasn't an official commission of the county. These people were against the expansion of the airport. Once the furor over expanding the airport runways died down, the group calmed down.

Mitchell asked if Dick Richards [a member of the Airport Commission] flies a plane? Kallin said no. Mitchell asked where does Dick Richard's interests lie? Kallin said he has interest in the airport from a business point of view and also the mechanical and technical operations of the airport. Dwyer said Richards has business concerns such as planes flying over his hotel. The commissioners are taxpaying citizens of Waukesha County.

Kolb said the Airport Commission is sensitive to what the citizens want at the airport. The airport is an economic driver for the county. Not everyone will be happy with the airport because you can't completely cut out the noise.

Haukohl said she's torn between the two ordinances. She has concerns that the commission has a single perspective on the airport. The commission needs to expand its perspective to include citizens' perspective. Expanding the commission to include two more people would not hurt the commission. It would add more perspectives and outside interests. Citizens' lives are affected by the airport. She's in favor of including a County Board Supervisor or two citizens. We need to expand and add at least one additional person.

Dwyer said state statutes spell out exactly what the Airport Commission should be. Adding a County Board Supervisor to the Airport Commission would require a change in the state statutes. The County Executive has the power to put anyone on the commission wants. Right now he can't add a supervisor.

Esler said there are policy issues surrounding why we have boards and commissions. Boards and commissions are developed for advocacy. Should we have citizens on the Veterans Board? The focus of this board should be people who are veterans' advocates. The Health and Human Services Board has a requirement of demonstrated interest in health and human services.

Paulson said the commission told the board the county had to get rid of the Quonset hut at the airport and then later found out that wasn't true. It was an embarrassment. What's wrong with questioning what the commission does?

Manke said he doesn't support either ordinance. The Airport Commission has done a good job and is open to the public. Why fix it if it's not broken? Before the commission got here, the airport was in a mess and the commission straightened it out.

MOTION: Manke moved, Paulson second, to call for the question. **Motion carried:** 4-3 (Mitchell, Haukohl and Dwyer voted no).

On the original motion - **Motion failed:** 3-4 (Stamsta, Kolb, Manke and Dwyer voted no).

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 1590- 050: Amend Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Increase the Membership of the Airport Commission

Singert wanted to make a friendly amendment to change the word "factions" on line 12 to the word "interests." He has personal interest in the airport and its growth. He thinks the past vote was a good sign that change was needed. In the past, County Board Supervisors were appointed to the commission under an unwritten government policy that they would be the liaison between the Airport Commission and the Public Works Committee. The liaison concept and the line of communications works and should be retained. It has been suggested that we supply the Public Works Committee with a copy of the commission minutes but they are a month behind. He has no problem with the County Board putting a citizen member on the commission. People on the commission who are against the airport isn't a good thing. The airport isn't going to expand unless there is demand. The County Board has approved all safety measures recommended by the commission over the last eight years. The real issue is trying to maintain a positive flow of information. All commissioners should have an interest in aeronautics. A more reasonable term for the commission is four years so more interested people have the opportunity to serve on the commission.

Dwyer said Mr. Beltzer is willing to give free airplane rides in his plane but County Board Supervisors aren't allowed to accept his offer. Finley talked to Dwyer before reappointing Supervisor Bruce to the commission. Finley told Dwyer that he was going to keep Bruce on the commission even though she was no longer a member of the Public Works committee because the airport is in her district. Finley said Bruce has been a good member of the commission and doesn't see a need to ask Bruce to get off the

commission. Supervisor Singert has attended 90% of the meetings and makes reports to the Public Works committee.

Dwyer said he wanted to amend the ordinance to remove lines 21 through 23. Esler said the “requirement” could raise the County Executive’s hackles for a veto. The board can override the County Executive, enact it into law and then the County Executive has to uphold the laws. The appointment authority goes to the County Executive. The Health and Human Services statutes list a required percentage of County Board Supervisors on the Health and Human Services Board. You could require maximums or minimums to be Supervisors. These ordinances came to the County Board office with the coversheet of the Kallin/Cummings ordinance showing approval by Dan Finley. Finley did not approve the coversheet of the Singert ordinance. Esler doesn’t know if the County Executive would veto the bill now.

Stamsta said Singert convinced him the commission is doing a good job. All the commissioners are citizens of Waukesha County. The problem here seems to be that the commissioners aren’t reporting their news to the Public Works committee.

Singert said since September 11th, corporate use of the airport has continued to increase. The workload of the commission may increase in the future causing the volunteers and business people on the commission to be unable to attend the meetings or stay for the entire meeting.

Mitchell asked Singert if he would be open to amending the language of his ordinance so it would add two additional citizens to the commission for four-year terms? Singert said he would not support such a language change.

Manke said we have 35 County Board Supervisors who are supposed to represent the people.

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Paulson second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-050: Amend Waukesha County Code of Ordinances to Increase the Membership of the Airport Commission.

MOTION: Paulson moved, Haukohl second, to table Ordinance 159-O-050. **Motion defeated:** 2-5 (Paulson and Haukohl voted aye.)

On the original motion - Motion defeated: 1-6 (Mitchell voted yes).

Review, Discuss and Consider 2005 – 2009 Capital Projects Plan Relative to the Waukesha County Airport Project (Item 28)

Markano and Neau were present to discuss this project.

Item 28 – Runway 18/36 Reconstruction – This project will reconstruct the existing runway and east parallel taxiway in their current configurations, grade runway safety areas for regulatory compliance and include a south perimeter road following FAA suggested guidelines for alleviating the need for vehicles particularly fuel trucks from operating on the runway and taxiways, replace the runway edge light system, relocate the old storm sewer from under the runway and install edge lighting on taxiway C. The project sheet includes an update on the cost estimate for 2006.

Esler asked if the fuel truck have to drive across the runways? Why don’t the trucks drive on the roads? Markano said the trucks have to drive across the runways because they aren’t licensed to drive on the road. The trucks aren’t equipped with appropriate road equipment.

MOTION: Manke moved, Stamsta second, to tentatively approve the 2005 – 2009 Capital Projects Plan Relative to the Waukesha County Airport Project (Item 28). **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Correspondence

Chairman Dwyer reviewed and distributed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of the listed items from Jicha.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Haukohl second, to approve attendance of the Executive Committee to the Public Policy Forum on October 1, 2004. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Paulson second, to attend WCA's Local Government Meeting sponsored by Senator Brown's Committee on September 22. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2004

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Mitchell second, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2004 Executive Committee. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Discuss Policy Issues Regarding Structure of Boards, Committees and Panels

Esler said boards and commissions are administrative agencies. The statutes define the makeup of the boards and commissions. Some are discretionary such as the county may create an Airport Commission but the parameters for doing so are very broad. Sometimes it has things listed such as "special interests in aeronautics." There are principles outlining why the statutes create things such as why the state wants to have one-third or two-thirds Supervisors on a board. When the state used to have linkage to the County Board, the state wanted the HHS Board to have the support of the County Board so they structured it so there would be representation of the County Board on the Health and Human Services Board.

Boards/commissions are not the County Executive's any more than they are the County Board's. They are advisory. The County Executive appoints all boards and commission members with confirmation by the County Board.

In 1991 when we formed the Transition Committee, the statutes said the County Executive makes appointments and the County Board confirms them unless the County Board waives these rights. A County Board would do that to wash their hands of the County Executive's appointments and to have no say in how committees were formed. It is the County Board's power to appoint or deny the County Executive's appointments. It is difficult to get enough people together to reject votes on the board. In 1991 Esler said he would have said, if you don't want to take the power then don't adopt code saying you have the power to accept the appointment.

Confirming appointments is a serious thing. Traditionally there are 35-0 votes on the confirmations. This can be a serious exercise of your power to reject them. There are those boards/commissions where statutorily you can enforce County Board participation. In 1991 one of the points of the Transition Committee was to have as few County Board Supervisors on boards/commissions as needed according to state statutes. The term of office can be statutorily set like on the Park and Planning Commission.

Esler said the most powerful board ever created was the Solid Waste Board. The County Board created the board so there would be a buffer between the elected officials and unhappy citizens over unpopular landfill decisions. It was very problematic. The board was set up to deflect citizen's wrath from elected officials. By code, the Solid Waste Board could hire staff members. The board was recently dissolved because it was passé. The Information Management Panel was set up with four County Board Supervisors as an effort to keep the board informed and educated about county computer issues. The Information

Management Panel meetings are interesting. Staff gives panel members information to help them make decisions. It is a good sounding board and source of information to use at a later point.

One thing the Transition Committee looked at was communication between the County Board and the County Executive. How do you channel information? It goes through an organized channel. How do you organize in today's environment? Administrative regulatory bodies are structured to give input to the decision makers.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Manke moved, Mitchell second, to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Kolb
Secretary